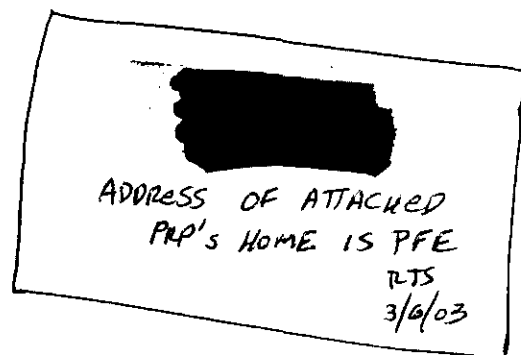


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January 2, 2002



Mr. Robert Sanchez
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VIA FACSIMILE

Subject: Galaxy/Spectron Superfund Site
Elkton, Md.

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

As a follow-up to our meeting on December 12, 2001, attached please find a copy of a letter we received on December 26, 2001 from the site owner Mr. Mraz regarding the removal of surface soils.

Sincerely,

W. David Fennimore
Project Coordinator

cc: R. Grills-Maryland Dept. of the Environment
J. Gravette-Maryland Dept. of the Environment

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December 26, 2001

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RE: Spectron Site, Removal of Surface Soils

Dear Carl:

I received your letter late due to the change in my address. Since I have essentially retired my office is in my home at the above address.

One of the consequences of the Sect. 7003 action that was brought against us through the cooperation of the State of Maryland with the EPA was that the surface soil in designated areas selected by the State had to be removed insofar as was possible to do so. Accordingly, under the direction of Joseph Grace, our then environmental manager and former member of the State Water Resources Commission, as much topsoil as existed was scraped up over wide areas, treated on site, and shipped to an approved disposal company. These areas included all processing locations, tank storage locations, and the former waste disposal pit and lagoon. I recall watching the operation being carried out. My memory is that the State approved the result and we were then permitted to proceed with the asphalt capping.

If you require any more information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,


Paul J. Mraz

As you have surely become aware, there is not much topsoil to be scraped before one encounters very rocky subsoil.